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TO:

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FROM:

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DATE:

NOVEMBER 13, 2013

LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY COMMITTEE AGENDA

The regular meeting of the Legal and Title Controversy Committee of the State Mineral and Energy Board will be held on November 13, 2013, following the Audit Committee Meeting, in the LaBelle Room, First Floor, LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Items on the Agenda are as follows:

- 1. A request for final approval of the following Lease Amendments by and between the State of Louisiana, through the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board, Apache Corporation, Castex Energy Partners, L.P. and CL&F Resources LP, whereas said parties desire to amend said leases to include a Force Majeure Provision and other required clauses:
 - (a) A Lease Amendment affecting State Lease No. 3184, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 13-32;
 - (b) A Lease Amendment affecting State Lease No. 3586, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 13-33;
 - (c) A Lease Amendment affecting State Lease No. 3909, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 13-34;

- (d) A Lease Amendment affecting State Lease No. 2366, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 13-35;
- (e) A Lease Amendment affecting State Lease No. 2585, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 13-36; and
- (f) A Lease Amendment affecting State Lease No. 3185, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No.13-37.
- 2. A request for final approval of an Operating Agreement by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board and Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., to create an operating tract for the exploration and development of oil, gas and/or condensate and other liquid hydrocarbons, which proposal allocates to the State a State Production Interest equal to 23% before payout, increasing to 23.5% after payout, in and to the operating tract, covering a portion of former State Lease Nos. 20500 and 20514, said operating tract containing 57.519 acres, more or less, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 13-38.
- 3. A request for final approval of a Lease Extension Agreement by and between the State of Louisiana and Chevron U.S.A. Inc., McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, Energy XXI, LLC, W. A. "Tex" Moncrief, Jr. and Linda Moncrief, whereas said parties desire to extend the primary term of said leases an additional three (3) years, affecting State Lease Nos. 20571, 20572, 20573, 20574, 20575, 20576 and State Agency Lease No. 20811, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument, on the docket as Item No. 13-39.
- 4. A request for final approval of the following Acts of Correction whereas said parties desire to amend, correct and conform Paragraph 6(d) (i), whereas said paragraphs of State Agency Leases incorrectly read... "Each semi-annual payment shall be at the rate of twenty-five dollars (\$50.00) per acre for the number of acres then covered by this lease, but no payment shall be less than five hundred dollars (\$1,000.00), AND is hereby being corrected to read... "Each semi-annual payment shall be at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre for the number of acres then covered by this lease, but no payment shall be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) with further particulars being stipulated in the instruments:
 - (a) An Act of Correction by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting under the authority for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Texas Petroleum Investment Company, affecting State Agency Lease Nos. 21114, 21115, 21116 and 21265, St. Helena Parishes, Louisiana, on the docket as Item No. 13-40;

- (b) An Act of Correction by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting under the authority for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Sklarco L.L.C., affecting State Agency Lease No. 21026, West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, on the docket as Item No. 13-41;
- (c) An Act of Correction by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting under the authority for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Texas Edwards, Inc., affecting State Agency Lease Nos. 21231, 21232, 21233, 21234 and 21235, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, on the docket as Item No. 13-42;
- (d) An Act of Correction by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting under the authority for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Pennington Oil & Gas Interests, L.L.C., affecting State Agency Lease Nos. 21229 and 21230, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, on the docket as Item No. 13-43;
- (e) An Act of Correction by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting under the authority for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and HEP Energy, Inc., affecting State Agency Lease Nos. 21256, 21257, 21258, 21259, 21260, 21261, 21262 and 21263, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, on the docket as Item No. 13-44; and
- (f) An Act of Correction by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting under the authority for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, affecting State Agency Lease No. 21264, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on the docket as Item No. 13-45.
- 5. A request by BHP Billiton Petroleum Properties for authority to negotiate with Staff for an Operating Agreement covering concursus lands situated in Sections 13 and 14, Township 14 North, Range 12 West, Red River Parish, Louisiana. These lands are also situated within the geographical confines of the HA RA SUCC and HA RA SUBB units.
- 6. A request by Vernon E. Faulconer, Inc., for authority to negotiate with Staff for an Operating Agreement covering lands under former State Lease No. 18803 (Bayou Nezpique) situated in Sections 26, 35 and 36, Township 4 South, Range 2 West, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. This unleased portion of Bayou Nezpique is situated within the geographical confines of the U WX RE SUA. Also, they request that the acreage in question be deemed unavailable for leasing until February 12, 2014, or until an operating agreement is confected and placed on the Mineral and Energy Board Docket for approval, whichever occurs first.
- 7. A request by QEP Energy Company for an additional extension of time for previously granted authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement covering approximately 600 acres of title disputed lands located in Sections 12, 13 and 14, Township 14 North, Range 12 West, Red River Parish, Louisiana, until January

- 8, 2014 or until an operating agreement is confected and placed on the Mineral and Energy Board Docket for approval, whichever occurs first.
- 8. A request by Staff for an additional sixty (60) day extension to negotiate for an Operating Agreement, covering approximately 80.00 state claimed acres situated within the Petrohawk HA RA SUY, located in Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 10 West, Swan Lake Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and that the acreage in question be deemed unavailable for leasing until January 8, 2014, or until an operating agreement is confected and placed on the Mineral and Energy Board Docket for approval, whichever occurs first.
- 9. A discussion in executive session of the suits entitled:

<u>Leon K. Poche, et al. v. The Louisiana State Mineral Board</u>, et al., Docket No. 584,949, Section 26, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish

<u>Petrohawk Operating Co. v. Albritton Cattle Co., LLC, et al., Docket No. 588,123, Section 22, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish</u>

Petrohawk Operating Co. v. Allbritton Cattle Co., L.L.C, et. al., Docket No. 588,124, Section 22, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish

<u>Petrohawk Operating Co. v. Allbritton Cattle Co., L.L. C, et. al., Docket No.</u> 588,125, Section 26, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish

<u>Petrohawk Operating Co. v. Allbritton Cattle Co., L.L.C, et. al., Docket No. 588,126, Division D, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish</u>

Petrohawk Operating Co. v. Allbritton Cattle Co., L.L.C, et. al., Docket No. 588,127, Section 22, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish

10. A discussion in executive session of the suits entitled:

<u>Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. v. Carter,</u> Docket No. 10-16392, 38th Judicial District Court, Cameron Parish

<u>Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.</u> v. Carter-Butler Properties, Docket No. 10-18125, 38th Judicial District Court, Cameron Parish

The Committee may discuss other matters as it desires pursuant to La. R.S. 42:7(A)(1)(b)(ii), including matters which may validly be held in executive session pursuant to La. R. S. 42:6, especially 42:6(1)(A)(2)&(6).